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1. NARCOTICS TRAINING PROVIDED BY SWEDISH POLICE WILL BE SUBSTANTIALLY BEEFED UP BEGINNING NEXT JANUARY. WHEREAS SUCH TRAINING HAS UNTIL NOW BEEN LIMITED TO 1-WEEK COURSE FOR POLICEMEN SPECIALIZING IN DRUG CRIMES, NEW PROGRAM WILL EXPOSE ALL RECRUITS TO BASIC INSTRUCTION IN NARCOTICS AND DOUBLE 1-WEEK COURSE FOR SPECIALISTS. THERE WILL ALSO BE SEVERAL HOURS OF REFRESHER TRAINING AFTER 2-4 YEARS ON FORCE, AND POLICE HEADED FOR SENIOR RANKS WILL BE REQUIRED TO TAKE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MORE INTENSIVE COURSES AT LATER STAGES OF THEIR CAREER.

2. EXPANDED POLICE CURRICULUM ON NARCOTICS BRINGS IT MORE OR LESS INTO LINE WITH ONE EXISTING FOR SOME TIME AT SWEDISH CUSTOMS WHICH HAS ALWAYS PLACED RELATIVELY MORE EMPHASIS ON NARCOTICS WITHIN ITS GENERAL TRAINING PROGRAM.
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3. SUPERINTENDENT STIG NORMAN, HEAD OF POLICE NARCOTICS UNIT, INDICATED TO NCO THAT, EVEN WITH EXPANSION, POLICE TRAINING EFFORT IN NARCOTICS FIELD WILL STILL FALL SHORT OF ANTICIPATED REQUIREMENTS AND HE WOULD THEREFORE, BE INTERESTED IN WHATEVER ASSISTANCE DEA COULD OFFER. HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT HIS SENIORS MIGHT WELL DECLINE OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN DEA-SPONSORED TRAINING EXERCISES ON GROUNDS OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITY.

4. IN CONTRAST, GUNNAR WIDE, CHIEF OF INVESTIGATIONS AT SWEDISH CUSTOMS, DISPLAYED NO SUCH RESERVATIONS AND SAID HE WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO ACCEPT INVITATION TO VISIT U.S. SOMETIME NEXT YEAR TO STUDY CUSTOMS TRAINING PROGRAM. WIDE IS PERHAPS MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE AND EXPERIENCED SWEDISH OFFICIAL WITH RESPECT TO DRUG TRAFFICKING. HE IS SPARKPLUG BEHIND HIS AGENCY'S NARCOTICS TRAINING AND OFTEN LECTURES AS WELL AT POLICE SCHOOL. WE CAN BE SURE THAT ANYTHING HE LEARNS DURING U.S. VISIT WILL BE PUT TO GOOD USE HERE, AND EMBASSY WOULD HEARTILY SUPPORT INVITATION.

5. FINALLY, EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT BOTH SWEDISH POLICE AND CUSTOMS WOULD APPRECIATE AN BENEFIT FROM CURRICULUM AND AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIAL AND RECOMMENDS THESE TO BE PROVIDED IF POSSIBLE.
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